GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding proliferation of nuclear weapons flowing into or emanating from its neighbourhood;

(b) if so, the outcome of such a study;

(c) if not, whether the Government is likely to conduct any such study in this regard in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) - (d) Government closely monitor proliferation of nuclear weapons in India's neighbourhood including recent revelations about onward proliferation activities in our neighbourhood. Government continue to take all necessary steps to safeguard national security.